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SUBJ: GAMBIA NOMINEE FOR MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON
RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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1. POST HEREBY NOMINATES MR KEBBA JUNDU SAMATEH FOR IV GRANT TO MAKE POSSIBLE HIS PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MAY 8-30. SAMATEH WILL NOT RPT NOT BE GOTG DELEGATE TO UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT, THEREFORE REMAINDER OF HIS 30-DAY GRANT, I.E. PORTION MAY 31-JUNE 8 SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM. SAMATEH HAS APPROVAL GOTG TO ACCEPT GRANT.

2. BORN FEB 21, 1933, IN SALIKENI, BADDIBU DISTRICT, SAMATEH IS MANDINKA. A FORMER TEACHER, SAMATEH HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE GAMBIA SINCE 1964, ONE YEAR BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. WITH DIPLOMA IN CD, SAMATEH IS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE GAMBIA'S ENTIRE CD PROGRAM. HE HAS TRAVELED TO UK, DENMARK, CAMEROON, BOTSWANA, AND GHANA, BUT NEVER TO U.S. SAMATEH'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS MINISTRY ECON PLANNING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, 5 MARINA PARADE, BANJUL. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND
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3. SAMATEH IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROJECT, AND IN OUR OPINION IS IDEAL CANDIDATE BECAUSE OF HIS BROAD RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE. HE WANTS BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH CD PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING METHODS IN U.S., WITH EMPHASIS ON RURAL ASPECT. SAMATEH WANTS OBSERVE EXTENSION WORK, VISIT LAND GRANT COLLEGE, STUDY COOPERATIVES. HE WOULD LIKE OBSERVE AG RESEARCH STATION. SUCH EXPERIENCE WILL ASSIST HIM IN DESIGN, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF RURAL PROJECTS COORDINATING UNIT WITHIN MINISTRY ECON PLANNING.

4. SAMATEH WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH THOMAS FOX, EXEC DIRECTOR, VOLUNTEERS IN TECH ASSISTANCE, 3706 RHODE ISLAND AVE., MT RAINIER, MD., ALSO WITH PC OFFICERS MARCUS AND HUNTER, AFRICA REGION, PC/W. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SAMATEH SEE DAVID BROKENSHA, AUTHOR OF "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: AN INTERPRETATION;" CLYDE R. INTLE OF CORNELL U; JAMES R. SHEFFIELD, TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA; CHARLES STEEDMAN, CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, U. OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR; AND VISIT RESEARCH CENTER IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE AT CHICAGO U.

5. SELECTION OF SAMATEH WILL INVOLVE SLIGHT DEVIATION FROM CPP WHICH IS COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED. BOTH AID AND PC HERE ARE CHANNELLING MORE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES THROUGH GAMBIAN CD ORGANIZATION. NEW PROGRAM TO COMMENCE THIS SUMMER MAY INVOLVE UP TO TEN PCV'S. RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS RECEIVING MAJOR EMPHASIS UNDER NEW GAMBIA FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-80), WITH CD SELECTED FOR KEY ROLE. POST FEELS NOMINATION FULLY MEETS CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE IT SYMPATHETIC, PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.
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